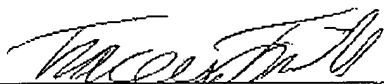


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Claims 9 and 10 remain for consideration in this application with each of these claims being in independent format. Claims 1-8 and 11-12 have been withdrawn pursuant to Applicant's election of the claims of Group II for prosecution in this application. It is noted that independent claims 9 and 10 correspond to independent claims 63 and 64, respectively, of application serial number 09/573,080, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,828,097, of which this application is a continuation application. Applicants further note that the present application was filed with a Preliminary Amendment addressing the concerns of the last pending Office Action in the parent case and respectfully request that the arguments and remarks made therein be considered when reviewing the present application.

In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited.

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